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In re Application of : )  
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Serial No.: 09/987,196 )  
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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant respectfully submits the following document for the Examiner's consideration. A copy of Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the listed document are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider each enclosed reference and that the Examiner indicate that each said reference has been considered in this application by returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with MPEP 609.

This Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action. Accordingly, no fees are due. However, if any fees are incurred upon the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

The Examiner is welcomed to contact the undersigned counsel with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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